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List of Specialties

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NOTICE TO CUSTOMERS:

We thank you for your inquiries and requests for catalogs, and in response are sending out this brief list of specialties. When the scarcity of labor and paper ceases we expect to issue an illustrated list again.

We are trying to keep prices as low as possible, and this list will take the place of previously published prices. Postal charges are included but very large bulbs and clumps will be sent express collect.

Some collectors' items which are not commercially profitable have been regretfully discontinued, but we are still raising a few choice novelties the numbers of which are strictly limited.

AGAPANTHUS mooreanus minor. Dwarf. Blue and white forms. 25¢ ea.

ALSTROMERIAS: exceptionally useful cut flowers which self clean, last for two weeks in water. The new forms come in soft pastel colors, are of the easiest possible cultivation, bloom spring to summer and should be left to dry out until new growth starts. Plant where they can be left undisturbed since clumps increase in size and vigor with age and are very difficult to move after the first year in the seed bed. Sandy loam, plenty humus, sun or very light shade.

A. hookeri, pale pink dwarf variety, exquisite foliage. Rock gardens. 25¢ ea.

A. ligtu hybrids. Wide range of pastel tints, same form and habit as old chilensis but superior in every way. \$2.00 doz. 20¢ ea.

A. pelegrina "Lily of the Incas". Flowers rose, wide open like azaleas. Blooms early, and like the white form can be brought in for Easter in 10 in. pots. Both types of A. pelegrina have green lines on back of petals.

A. pelegrina alba. Both varieties same price. \$2.00 doz. 20¢ ea.

A. pulchra tricolor. Dwarf habit, fls. white with flush of light maroon. New and very dainty. \$2.00 doz. 20¢ ea.

A. violacea. Latest introduction from Chile. Fls. form of A. pelegrina, color true violet. Grows tall. Seeds only 50¢ pkt.

Seeds also of A. pulchra tricolor 50¢ pkt.

Seeds A. ligtu 25¢ pkt.

AMARCRINUM howardi. Blooms sporadically with foliage. \$2.00 ea.

BABIANA hybrids. Shades of blue, same culture and use as Freesias. 60¢ doz.

BESSERA elegans. Winter delivery. Bloom summer July - Sept. Dainty and at the same time striking, color vivid red, deep blue stamens. \$2.75 doz.

BLETILLA hyacinthina, and also the white form; charming terrestrial orchids which grow well among cymbidiums or ferns. Sold out for season. \$8.00 doz.

BREVOORTIA Ida-Maia (syn. coccinea) "Floral Fire-Cracker". Flowers tubular scarlet tipped with green. Blooms spring to summer, lasts well. 60¢ doz.

BRODIAEAS: Californica, capitata, coronaria, ixioides, laxa. 60¢ doz. Recommended for naturalizing. Half-hardy. Excellent cut flowers in varying shades of blue except ixioides which is yellow.

BRUNSVIGIA hybrids

Amaryllis belladonna parkeri, fls. late Aug. rose with clear white throat. 50¢ ea.

A. multiflora alba. Pure white with gold center. Very scarce. \$2.00 ea.

A. multiflora seedlings, pink or pink and white with very tall stems and many flowers in each head. \$1.00 ea.

CALLAS: All best blooming size. Plant in warm place, in part shade when they show growth in spring. Being nearly tropical they resent cold wet winters so lift and store in dry warm place after maturity until time to plant.

ARUM sanctum (palestinum) Black, without disagreeable odor. \$3.50 doz. 35¢ ea.

Calla elliotiana: yellow Calla with handsome spotted foliage. \$2.50 doz. 25¢ ea.

Calla rehmanni superba: an improved pink calla standing 24 in. with pale pink flowers and lovely foliage quite distinct from other callas. New. This is a truly exquisite flower and enchanting in arrangements. \$8.00 doz. 85¢ ea.

CHLIDANTHUS fragrans. Late fall delivery. Spring bloomer, fragrant yellow trumpet shaped fls. on 12 to 15 in. stems. \$1.50 doz. 2 for 35¢

CRINUM powelli (pink) and C. powelli alba. Bloom tall with foliage. Mass well against a wall or at the back of a border. Extra large bulbs \$1.00 ea.

DIERAMA pulcherrima. Evergreen plants ideal for pools or watercourses. Flowers on tall wand-like scapes wave pink bells with the lightest breeze. Plant in sun. Spring delivery best. Clumps, 50¢ ea.

EUCOMIS punctata. "The Pineapple Lily" Striking half-hardy Cape bulbs. Quantities of starry white flowers with purple centers on a raceme, the whole cluster being crowned by a leafy bract similar to the top knot of a pineapple. Easy culture in California and southern gardens; strikingly interesting and different for pots in colder climates. \$1.00 ea.

FERRARIA undulata. Half-hardy Cape bulb bearing one-day fls. in rapid succession. Fls. brown and green with very frilly edges, leaves very pale green stem clasping make it an unusual and ornamental subject. Sunny. 25¢ ea.

GALTONIA candicans. "Giant Summer Hyacinth". Strong erect stem 3-4 ft. bears raceme of 20 or more pure white bells in midsummer. Extremely effective for naturalizing or in the perennial border. Better than half-hardy but needs mulching and protection in cold climates. \$1.00 doz.

GLADIOLUS. We list only the species G. tristis var. concolor and hybrids of which it is one parent. They are very graceful in growth, free-flowering and exceptionally fine for cutting. G. tyistis concolor is very fragrant after sun-down.

G. tristis car. concolor. White. Early spring. \$9.00 H. \$1.25 doz.

G. tristis hybrids. White. Earlier than concolor. \$10.00 H. \$1.50 doz.

G. Winter Fairy. Hybrid of G. tristis and large garden type. Keeps airy habit of growth like the species, lovely pastel coloring, and blooms in midwinter. \$2.50 doz.

G. Winter Glow. Same parentage and type as above, colors showier. \$2.50 doz.

HABRANTHUS robustus. (Zephyranthes robusta) Well-known favorite always useful. Fls. pale pink trumpets, naturalizes rock gardens, borders, pots. \$1.00 doz.

HAEMANTUS albiflos. Also a white flowering sp. of Haemanthus. Limited stock. H. Coccineus "Blood Flower" Striking and curious, foliage immense dark green strap shaped leaves. Limited stock. Very large bulbs \$1.50 ea. Flg. size \$1.00.

IRIS: SPURIA types only. Tall-growing, make fine masses.

I. aurea, clear golden yellow 4 for \$1.00; I. Miss Eastwood, like the old I. ochroleuca but larger and color deeper, 3 for \$1.00; I. Lord Wolseley, very scarce now, a vivid blue. 75¢ each.

IXIA Bloem Erf; A Cape hybrid very dainty, in pastel blues and pinks. It cuts well and in the garden should be planted in close mass. Sun. \$5.00 H. 70¢ doz.

LEUCOCORYNE ixioides odorata. "Glory of the Sun". Chilean. Heads of large blue fls. with white centers and gold stamens, fragrant. Lasting cut flower. For naturalization in mild climates, - in cold localities grow in hothouses in benches, or deep pots. \$9.00 H. \$1.25 doz.

LYCORIS aurea. Rare. Fls. like a golden Nerine. \$1.00 ea.
L. radiata (formerly incorrectly listed as Nerine sarniensis) likes more moisture than many bulbs. Beautiful deep red. \$2.00 doz. 25¢ ea.
L. Squamigera (Amaryllis halli) Wine colored buds open to pale blue petals much coruscated. Hardy. Good cut flower and naturalizes well. \$1.00 each. L. ~~is very common~~ *L. incarnata* Narrow white petals striped on back with wine color. ~~very common~~ \$1.00 ea.

MILLA biflora. Winter delivery. Mexican summer-flowering bulb, waxy white texture with apple-green strip on back of petals. Dainty, striking, cuts well. \$7.00 H. \$1.00 doz.

MORAEA catenulata. Dwarf evergreen type closely resembling M. iridioides. Flowers sporadically through the year. Clumps 35¢ ea.
M. glaucopia (Iris pavonia). Named for its brilliant iridescent eye with peacock colors. Varying shades of blue. Exceptionally charming bulb, very persistent. Rock gardens and pots. \$9.00 H. \$1.25 doz.
M. polystachya. Fls. like mauve butterflies opening daily over a long period. Bulbs hold over well and can be planted successively. Naturalize well in warm climates. Potted plants for colder conditions. \$8.50 H. \$1.00 doz. M. ramosa. May & June fls. clear yellow on slender wide-branching stems. Good for pools and watercourses and does not require long rest demanded by so many of the So. African bulbs. Stalk 4 - 6 ft. high. \$9.00 H. \$1.25 doz.

NERINE bowdeni. Winter delivery. Blooms in fall, with large pink very much frilled fls. Good for cutting. 85¢ each.

N. coruscans. Blooms fall, delivery late summer. Scarlet frilled fls. 75¢ each.

N. filifolia. Evergreen, fall bloomer, small frilled pink fls. very dainty. A real find for naturalizing in rock gardens or edgings for beds. Leave undisturbed over a long period. \$1.00 doz.

PASITHEA cerulea. Chilean. Midnight blue fls. on tall stems, self-cleaning, 3-5 ft. Part shade. Tender. Unusual shade in the garden Cuts well. Dormant in summer and must be grown cool. Spring flowering. \$2.00 doz. 25¢ each.

SCILLA hyacinthoides. Racemes about 14 in. covered with small blue fls. and intensely blue stamens. Likes hot sunny situation. 25¢ each.

STENOMESSON sp. Chilean. Fls. stand in umbels about 24 - 30 in. Vivid scarlet tubes edged with green. Stock limited. 75¢ each.

SPREKELIA formosissima. Fls. large, crimson, wasp-waisted, very showy. "Jacobean Lily". Large bulbs 35¢ ea.

STERNBERGIA lutea "Fall-blooming Crocus". Clear yellow, several fls. to a bulb. Good in pots or border, likes dry sunny location. 2 for 35¢.

SPARAXIS in assorted colors: yellow, white with wine colored backs, reds. Streptanthera cupres, salmon colored with curled violet anthers. These bulbs have a strong affinity for each other and the resultant hybrids which someone has called "Sparantheras" seem to be even more striking and colorful than either parent. There is wide variation in color and in the individual markings which is fascinating to watch. They flower early in spring and naturalize well, good to make color in out of the way corners which can be left dry in summer. Sun. 60¢ doz.

TRITELEIA violacea. Hardy. Earliest bloomer in the year with a long season of bloom. Pale blue with deep violet markings. Naturalize in borders, rock gardens. 50¢ doz.

VELTHEIMIA viridifolia. Handsome Cape bulb which starts to grow in cool weather. Its foliage is an intense green, long with a marked wavy form which would make a good pot plant even without the flower which should be in bud for Christmas. The flowers are old rose, and tubular in form. Seed pods are also decorative. Grow in shade in mild climates, or under glass as potted plants in cold locations. \$6.00 doz. 60¢ each.

WATSONIAS....EVERGREEN SPECIES. W. angusta red & scarlet; W. beatricis orange; W. wilmaniae shrimp pink; clumps. \$2.50 doz. 25¢ each. W. species not evergreen: W. arderi, the best white, tall, early and W. marginata, very tall, orchid colored small blooms very compact, and fragrant. Both varieties. \$1.00 doz. 10¢ each.

Australian hybrids, recommended as the finest of this flower group. Will flower in February if planted in September and watered continuously. Adelaide - clear pink with blushing throat.

Brighton - magenta

Caulfield - lavender pink

Clunes - pearly lavender with exceptionally wide flower

Dazzler - brilliant orange

Hobart - large deep lilac

Lara - redrose with bronze sheen

Malvern - clear orchid

Melbourne - coral pink

Portland - shrimp pink

Sydney - red with coppery sheen

Victoria - rosy flame, extra large blooms \$1.75 doz. 3 for 50¢

Bullard hybrids, the best of all Mrs. Bullard's hybrids:

America - best pink, tall, midseason
Cream Cup - cream white, lower in growth than Arderni
E. D. Sturtevant - orange, medium height
Ernest Braunton - Bronze red, medium height, late.
Eunice - Shrimp pink with deeper self veining
James McGilvray - rose red with large flower, medium height, late.
K. O. Sessions - two-tone rose pink, late
Lilac - beautiful clear tone, large flower, tall
Los Angeles - light lavender pink self-veined
Modjeska - magenta, medium height, late
Mrs. John Scheepers - clear pink with blue anthers
Theodore Payne - brilliant apricot, late \$1.00 doz. 10¢ each.

GIANT ORIENTAL PERSIMMONS - Unless costs of shipping, packing, etc. rise again between now and the coming season (Oct.-Dec.) we shall ship our tree-ripened quality fruit for \$1.50 a box, six pounds of fruit, express prepaid.

